

**2021 Convention Agenda**

National Federation of the Blind of Washington

President: Marci Carpenter

Date: November 4-7, 2021

Location: Anywhere and Everywhere via Zoom

The National Federation of the Blind of Washington knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back. Together with love, hope and determination we transform the dreams of blind Washingtonians into reality.

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**Voting: To vote during the convention, you must be a registered member of the NFB of Washington. To vote, please call or text (360)615-3838. Press 1 for yes or 2 for no when voting.**

**CONVENTION AGENDA**

**Thursday, November 4, 2021:**

**8:00 pm:** Rookie Roundup, Marci Carpenter, Facilitator

We invite first time attendees to a gathering to find out about our convention. We will discuss what to expect and you will have an opportunity to meet many of our members. A great opportunity to ask questions and find out answers!

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**Friday, November 5, 2021:**

**10:00am-1:00pm:** Job Seeker Seminar, Kris Colcock, Facilitator.

Join us Friday morning, November 5th from 10:00 - 1:00pm for our annual Job Seeker Seminar. Learn about different careers, how to be prepared for that important interview and learn about the new NFB Direct that will soon be available to job seekers and employers together. We will have speakers from Amazon, a published author Elsa Sjunneson and others. Come learn about these opportunities, network with others and explore your career path.

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**2:00 pm:** Exhibitor Highlight, Corey Grandstaff, Facilitator

Come join us in recognizing and hearing from our convention sponsors: Poptale, non-24/Vanda, and Viewplus Technologies.

**3:00 pm:** Consent, Boundaries, and a safe Federation, Marci Carpenter, Facilitator.

**4:00 pm-5:00 pm:** NFB of Washington Board of Directors meeting

**6:30 pm-7:30 pm:** Resolutions Committee meeting

**7:30pm-8:30pm:** Eye Spy Youth Activity Hosted by WTBBL and DSB,

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**7:30pm-8:30pm:** Parent Meet-up.

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**8:30 pm-10:00 pm:** Variety Show Sponsored by At-Large Chapter.

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**Saturday, November 6, 2021:**

**8:30am-10:05am:** Youth Team Building Tic Tock Activity with DSB youth Services Team.

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**9:00 am:** Welcome and Opening Announcements

**9:10 am:** NFB National Report, Marc Maurer, past President, National Federation of the Blind (NFB)

**9:50 am:** NFBW State Report, Marci Carpenter, President, NFB of Washington (NFBW)

**10:20 am:** Navigating the citizenship Process as a Blind Person: Amandeep Kaur, Board Member, NFB of Washington

**10:30am:** Navigating the Educational Legal System to Ensure access, Janet Jeng and Boon Dumrong.

**10:45am:** Break

**10:50am:** Why I am a Federationist, Humberto Avila.

**11:00 am:** Life Aside from the Federation Panel, Danny Heathman, Home Beer Brewer; Kris Colcock, Spirit Wind; Jim Portillo, Concert Productionist.

**11:30am:** Why I am a Federationist, Shannon Donahue

**11:45 am:** Resolutions

**Noon – 2:00 pm:** Bring your own Lunch, Youth meet-up, hosted by Department of Services for the Blind

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**2:00 pm Breakout Sessions:** Choose one to attend.

* Parents of blind children meet-up, Washington Parents of Blind Children.

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* Student Meet-up, Washington Association of Blind Students.

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* Senior Seminar, Kris Colcock, facilitator

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**3:10 pm**: Break

**3:15 pm Breakout Sessions**: Choose one to attend.

* Financial Management and able accounts, Ellie Vainker and Allison Falleur Barber, Northwest Access Fund.

Northwest Access Fund is a nonprofit and Community Development Financial Institution serving people with disabilities throughout Washington and Oregon. This session will introduce you to Northwest Access Fund's free financial coaching and benefits planning services, as well as their low-interest loans for assistive technology and life opportunities. Allison Falleur Barber, Financial Coach & Benefits Planner, will also share information about ABLE Accounts, which offer the opportunity to save while maintaining access to Social Security benefits.

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* Transforming the NW—Generational transportation opportunities for our Communities, Matthew Hines, Facilitator.

Please join us for our presentation and engaging dialogue on current and upcoming transportation projects that will create generational impacts throughout the state for our Blind, Low-Vision and Deafblind community. Featuring Guest Speaker, Larry Watkinson, from WADOT.

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* Northwest association for Blind Athletes, Tara Rogowsky, (360)-787-7335, trogowsky@nwaba.org

Our mission at Northwest Association for Blind Athletes is to provide life-changing opportunities through sports and physical activity to individuals who are blind and visually impaired. We host in-person and virtual events every month. Our in-person events include hiking, biking, kayaking, paddle boarding, swimming, and more! Our virtual events include high-contrast video and audio-described workouts with a supportive community of athletes. Our virtual workouts range from full-body workouts to Tai Chi, yoga, Zumba, core & glutes workouts, and more! Our events are at no cost to our athletes. If you are interested in joining, please call/text 360.448.7254 or email trogowsky@nwaba.org. [www.nwaba.org](http://www.nwaba.org)

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**3:55 pm:** Break

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**4:00pm:** Agency Panel: Scott McCallum, Superintendent, Washington State School for the Blind; Danielle Miller, Director, Washington Talking Book and Braille Library; Michael McKillip, acting Executive Director, Department of Services for the Blind; George Abbott, President and CEO,, Lighthouse for the Blind.

**4:45 pm:** Transitioning from High School to College Panel, Shannon Donahue, facilitator; May Tran, Luc Gandarias, and Oryann Fitim.

**5:00 pm:** Adjourn

**6:00 pm:** Convention Banquet,

Master of Ceremonies, Jim Portillo

Banquet Address, Marc Maurer, Past President, NFB

Presentation of Scholarships, Bennet Prows and Nikki Palm.

**7:30 pm-9:00 pm:** Trivia Night hosted by Clark County Chapter.

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

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**9:00 am:** Announcements

**9:05 am:** Chapter Reports

**9:35 am:** Elections

**9:50am:** Why I am a Federationist, Jessie Lorenz.

**10:00 am:** Closing Remarks from Marc Maurer, past President, NFB.

**10:20 am:** Adjourn